

REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 1952.

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POPULATION.

The population of the State on the 30th September, 1951 was estimated to be 585,475, comprising 300,999 Males and 284,476 Females.

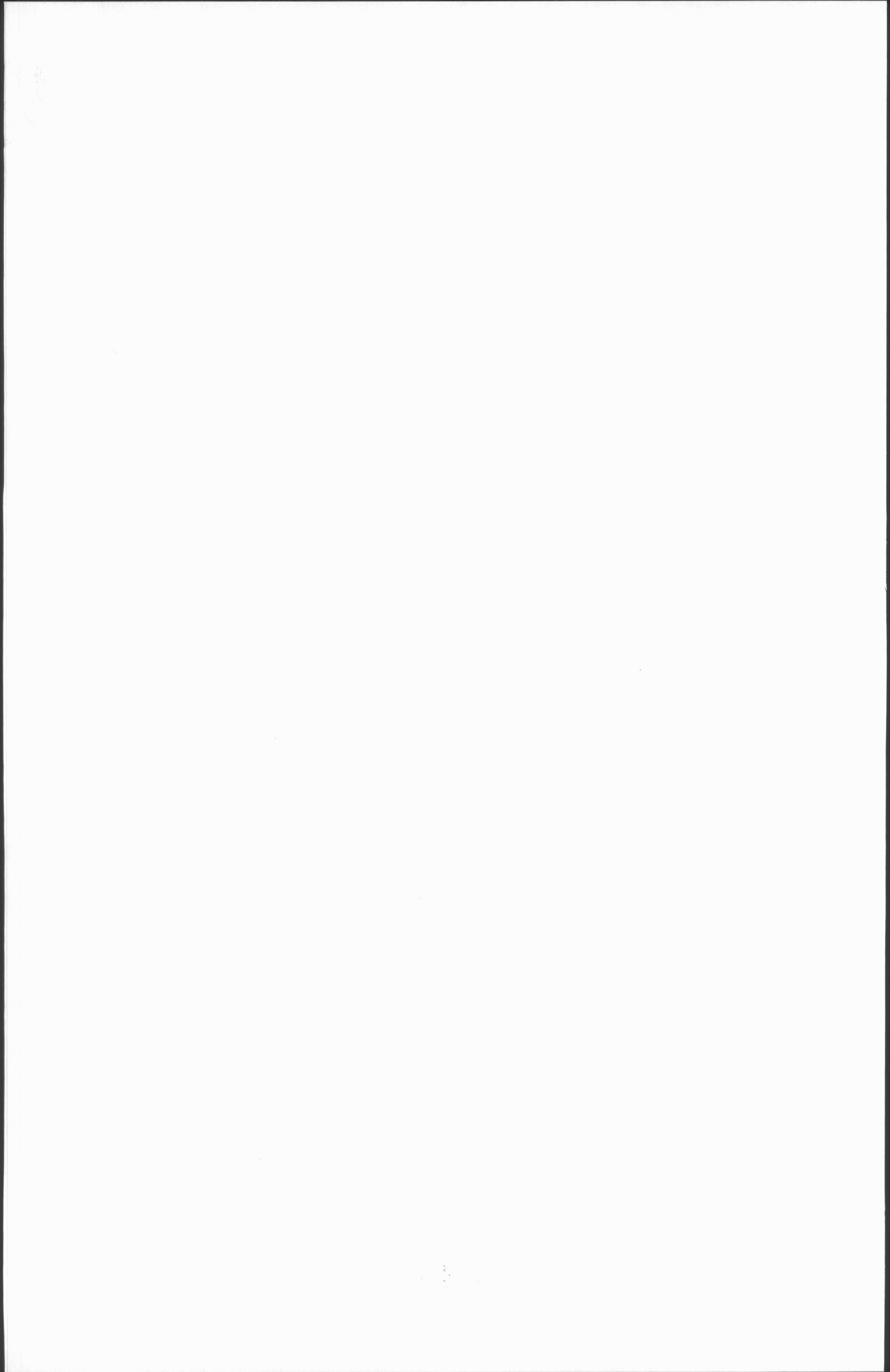
The estimated population of the Metropolitan Area at the 31st December, 1950 was 309,000.

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

	<u>DECEMBER.</u>		<u>12 Months ended</u> <u>DECEMBER.</u>	
	1951	1950	1951	1950
Marriages - Number.	408	475	5,388	5,434
*Rate per 1000 of Population.	8.15	9.77	9.27	9.73
Births - Number.	918	1,209	14,794	14,228
*Rate per 1000 of Population.	18.34	24.87	25.45	25.47
Deaths - Number.	350	404	5,289	5,058
*Rate per 1000 of Population.	6.99	8.31	9.10	9.05
Infant Mortality - Number.	26	33	425	386
*Rate per 1000 Live Births.	28.32	27.30	28.73	27.13
<u>PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH -</u>				
Tuberculosis.	3	6	84	129
Cancer.	44	54	683	670
Influenza.	3	2	27	32
Diphtheria.	-	-	11	7
Cerebral Haemorrhage, etc.	36	45	594	531
Arteriosclerosis.	16	11	210	143
Diseases of the Heart.	107	130	1,701	1,526
Pneumonia and Broncho-Pneumonia.	6	11	190	187
Diarrhoea and Enteritis.	5	5	64	50
Nephritis.	7	14	87	110
Diseases of Early Infancy.	17	16	265	228
Senility.	3	3	31	41
Accidents.	23	35	376	408
All Other Causes.	80	72	966	996
Total.	350	404	5,289	5,058

* Equivalent Annual Rate.

† Deaths under one year.



LAND SETTLEMENT.

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the month of January totalled 35,280 acres, a decrease of 49,112 acres on the corresponding month last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 5,712 acres, a decrease of 72,372.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

	Month of JANUARY.		7 Months ended JANUARY.	
	1952	1951	1952	1951
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Revenue.	2,704,975	2,195,183	18,496,141	14,790,232
Revenue per Head of Population.	£4. 11. 6	£3. 16. 6	£31. 10. 6	£26. 2. 4
Expenditure.	2,785,039	2,100,514	19,363,273	15,206,656
Expenditure per Head of Population.	£4. 14. 2	£3. 13. 2	£33. 0. 0	£26. 17. 0

SAVINGS BANKS.

Depositors' Balances on the 31st January amounted to £46,301,768 or £78. 4. 3d. per head of population as against £39,964,681 or £69.10. 9d. per head as at the 31st January last year.

BANK CLEARANCES.

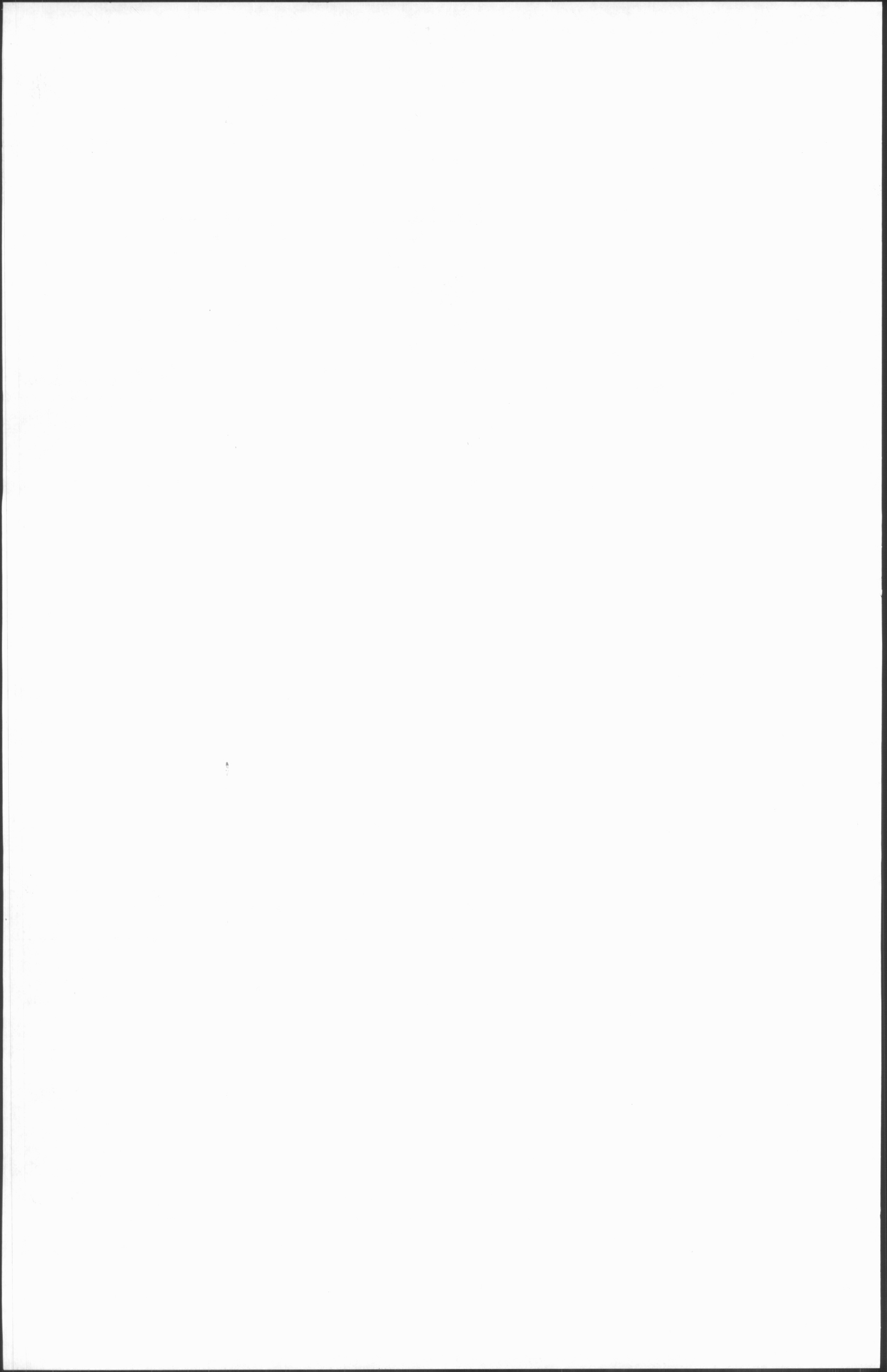
The average weekly clearance for the 4¹/₃ weeks ended 30th January, 1952 amounted to £12,052,963 compared with £12,119,549 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds.		JANUARY.		7 Months ended JANUARY.	
		1952	1951	1952	1951
Transfers.	No.	1,619	1,748	13,558	14,109
	£.	2,115,735	1,975,947	18,096,199	15,259,702
Mortgages.	No.	1,098	1,140	9,210	10,107
	£.	1,500,515	1,401,162	12,793,911	12,749,297
Discharges of Mortgages.	No.	883	897	6,508	6,667

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE & EXEMPT GOODS & TAX COLLECTED.

Period of Receipt of Returns.	Taxable Goods.		Sales of Exempt Goods.	Tax Collected.
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable. (Gross).	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable. (Gross).		
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Seven Months ended January, 1951.	17,150,739	11,769,645	32,062,862	1,699,875
Seven Months ended January, 1952.	21,110,974	16,448,257	48,942,047	3,072,142
Month of January - 1951.	3,515,617	1,933,607	6,797,470	348,506
Month of January - 1952.	4,190,408	2,368,509	9,047,842	686,102



COMPANIES REGISTERED.

49 Local Companies, with a nominal capital of £2,231,500, and 41 Foreign Companies were registered during the seven months ended January, 1952. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 77 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £3,234,000, and 30 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY.

	7 Months ended JANUARY.					
	1952			1951		
	No.	Liabilities.	Assets.	No.	Liabilities.	Assets.
		£.	£.		£.	£.
Sequestration Orders.	10	24,283	29,363	17	63,636	34,808
Deeds of Assignment.(a)	5	8,210	4,353	11	27,274	28,892
Deeds of Arrangement.	1	1,978	1,015	-	-	-

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT.

The operations of the State Government Railways, open for General and Passenger traffic, were as follows:-

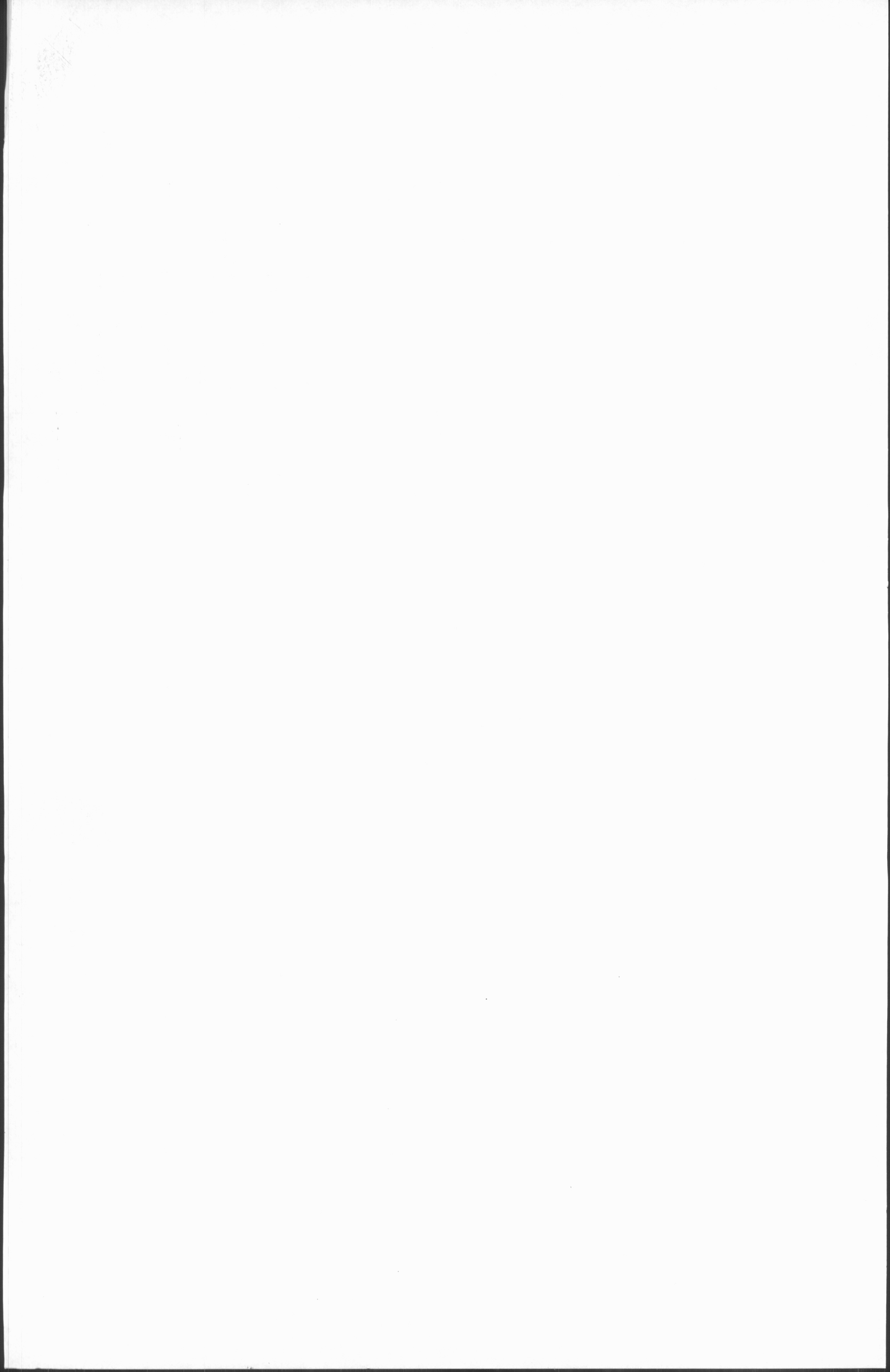
		DECEMBER.		6 Months ended DECEMBER.	
		1951	1950	1951	1950
Gross Earnings. (a) *	£.	755,900	599,200	4,847,000	3,439,200
Working Expenses.(a)	£.	877,983	728,506	5,207,939	4,016,354
Train Miles Run.	No.	597,163	614,000	3,626,623	3,640,155
Motor Bus Miles Run.	No.	(b) 147,898	(b) 133,875	(c) 893,198	(c) 781,727
<u>Passenger Journeys -</u>					
Train.	No.	812,955	900,455	5,501,576	5,453,964
Motor Bus.	No.	49,298	49,487	288,409	258,920
	
<u>Tonnage Carried -</u>					
Paying Goods.		217,439	213,403	1,523,314	1,406,465
Livestock.		12,849	12,263	76,667	84,234
Departmental.					
(Free Freight).		50,858	79,149	403,699	411,813
Total.		281,146	304,815	2,003,680	1,902,512
<u>Net Ton Mileage of -</u>					
Paying Goods.		33,776,070	31,862,697	233,049,132	217,686,986
Livestock.		1,936,839	1,487,130	10,146,606	10,898,031
Departmental.					
(Free Freight).		6,376,026	9,073,252	46,604,992	50,804,630
Total.		42,088,935	42,423,079	289,800,730	279,389,647

(a) Includes operations of the Railway Road Service.

(b) Four weeks ended 15th December.

(c) Period ended 15th December.

* Figures liable to revision.



MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED (EXCLUDING COMMONWEALTH-OWNED VEHICLES).

	METROPOLITAN AREA.				ENTIRE STATE.			
	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars).	Wagons, Vans, Utilities.	Buses.	Motor Cycles.	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars).	Wagons, Vans, Utilities.	Buses.	Motor Cycles.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1950	4,664	1,901	86	1,214	9,325	5,660	150	2,390
Year 1951	4,263	2,088	51	1,886	7,914	5,730	101	3,192
1951 -								
January.	264	137	3	123	507	458	5	208
February.	348	177	2	137	654	526	5	224
March.	354	199	2	208	666	604	4	338
April.	359	153	1	193	652	449	7	308
May.	329	200	3	159	600	477	9	266
June.	259	221	2	145	475	520	6	244
July.	330	158	4	123	592	457	16	240
August.	369	171	9	108	656	424	16	175
September.	371	164	5	161	717	434	8	270
October.	458	200	4	213	796	515	5	371
November.	470	172	10	178	843	498	11	305
December.	352	136	6	138	756	368	9	235

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS).*

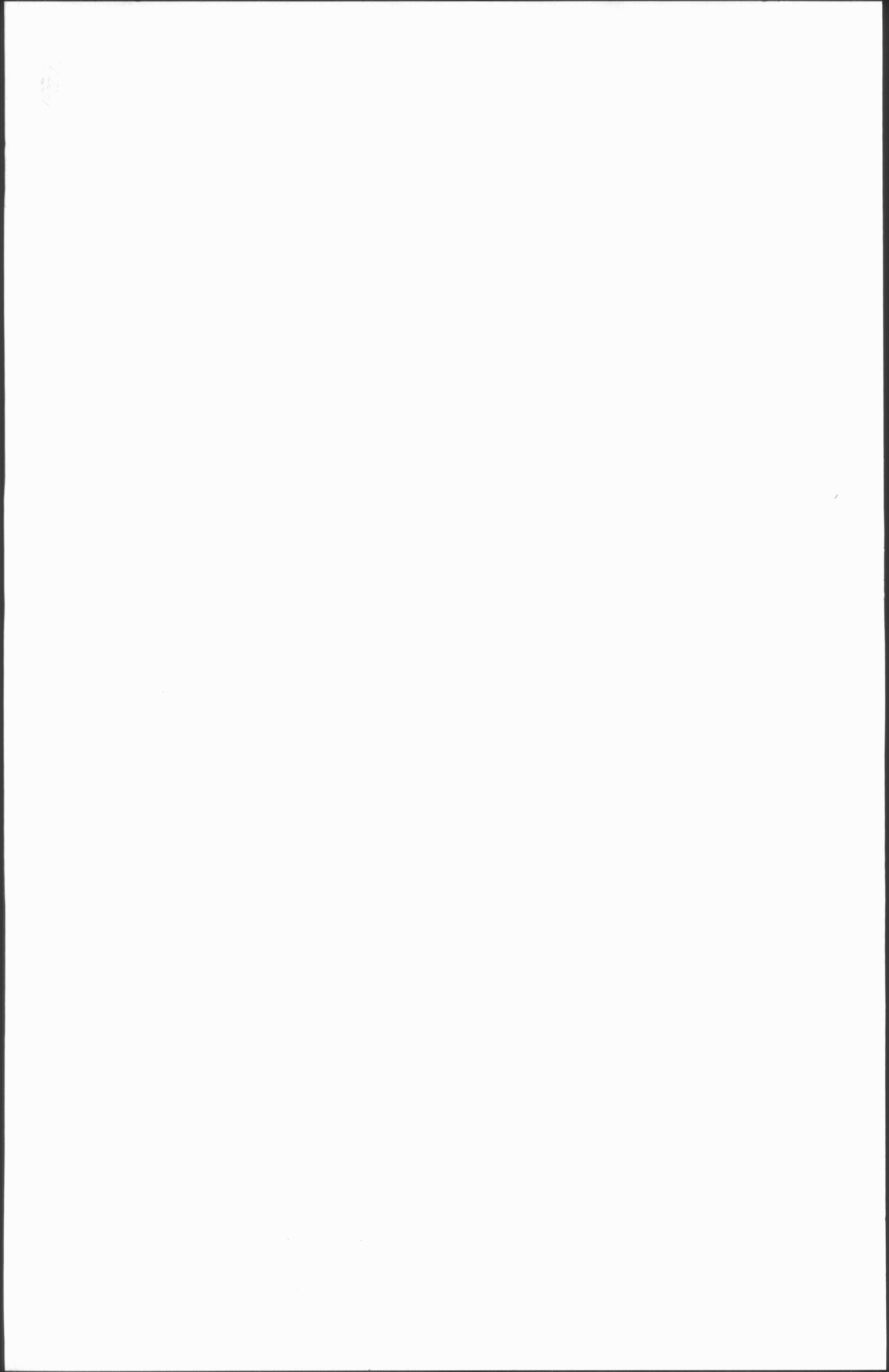
Date (as at end of Month).	METROPOLITAN AREA.				ENTIRE STATE.			
	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars).	Wagons, Vans, Utilities.	Buses.	Motor Cycles.	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars).	Wagons, Vans, Utilities.	Buses.	Motor Cycles.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1948 -								
June.	21,968	10,132	275	5,445	35,485	34,362	457	8,874
1949 -								
June.	24,259	11,330	364	6,729	39,989	37,680	648	10,972
1950 -								
June	28,529	12,530	443	7,707	48,485	41,688	826	12,890
December.	31,223	13,490	494	8,230	52,185	42,792	903	13,030
1951 -								
January.	31,463	13,645	497	8,341	51,830	41,257	898	12,853
February.	31,656	13,783	498	8,437	52,904	42,942	917	13,256
March.	31,900	13,932	496	8,550	53,460	43,496	917	13,500
April.	32,113	14,041	498	8,670	54,422	44,571	934	13,970
May.	32,301	14,154	498	8,757	55,126	45,386	944	14,260
June.	32,966	14,461	499	8,876	56,109	46,150	950	14,521
July.	33,891	14,896	498	9,097	55,406	45,293	922	13,761
August.	34,204	15,053	509	9,175	56,006	45,703	940	13,906
September.	34,482	15,188	505	9,300	56,630	46,108	939	14,140
October.	34,886	15,355	505	9,485	57,196	46,432	934	14,539
November.	35,265	15,463	512	9,625	58,256	47,502	943	14,953
December.	35,585	15,586	498	9,721	59,085	47,936	932	15,171

* Excluding Commonwealth-Owned Vehicles, which comprised for December, 1951:-
109 Cars; 74 Wagons, Vans, etc.; 8 Buses and 6 Motor Cycles.

TRADE (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA).

Trade of Western-Australia, December 1951 and 1950, and six months ended
December, 1951 and 1950, expressed in terms of Australian Currency:-

	IMPORTS.				EXPORTS. (Including Ships' Stores).			
	DECEMBER.		6 Months ended DECEMBER.		DECEMBER.		6 Months ended DECEMBER.	
	1951	1950	1951	1950	1951	1950	1951	1950
Oversea.	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000
Interstate.	3,761	3,309	29,407	18,816	5,528	9,061	40,112	41,506
	6,033	3,700	32,203	23,224	919	690	5,677	3,882
Total.	9,794	7,009	61,610	42,040	6,447	9,751	45,789	45,388



BUILDING ACTIVITY.

Note: These tables supersede particulars published in previous reports of Building Permits issued by Local Authorities.

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED.

Period.	Dwellings.				Factories.		Other.		Total.	
	Owner-Built.		By Contractors etc. (a)		No.	Value. £,000	No.	Value. £,000	No.	Value. £,000
	No.	Value. £,000	No.	Value. £,000						
Year 1946	55	32	1,316	1,221	52	82	145	192	1,568	1,527
Year 1947	165	109	2,245	2,380	37	64	164	327	2,611	2,880
Year 1948	514	346	2,544	3,041	49	160	268	431	3,375	3,973
Year 1949	825	693	2,485	3,476	57	215	317	657	3,684	5,041
Year 1950	1,313	1,365	3,331	4,727	41	263	428	651	5,113	7,006
1951 -										
March Qr.	442	583	780	1,255	8	26	82	189	1,312	2,053
June Qr.	425	571	1,002	1,629	5	20	143	301	1,575	2,521
Sept. Qr.	422	612	1,099	1,790	15	295	93	243	1,629	2,940

(a) Comprises Governmental Day Labour as well as Private Contractor operations, and includes Shop Dwellings, Flats and other Residentials excluded from table (2) hereunder.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION.

(Including Owner-Built Homes).

Period.	Houses Completed - Classified according to Materials of Outer Walls.									
	Brick, Stone, Concrete, etc.		Wood or Mainly Wood.		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement.		Other Material.		Total.	
	No.	Value. £,000	No.	Value. £,000	No.	Value. £,000	No.	Value. £,000	No.	Value. £,000
Year 1946	578	640	186	140	373	296	227	172	1,364	1,248
Year 1947	1,114	1,365	257	196	966	862	62	47	2,399	2,470
Year 1948	1,252	1,715	326	249	1,436	1,348	29	22	3,043	3,334
Year 1949	1,449	2,235	228	191	1,571	1,649	42	43	3,290	4,118
Year 1950	1,709	2,882	337	311	2,262	2,572	55	48	4,363	5,813
1951 -										
March Qr.	447	877	93	88	613	803	21	22	1,174	1,790
June Qr.	507	1,027	106	110	678	923	65	63	1,356	2,123
Sept. Qr.	504	1,071	116	120	722	1,080	38	44	1,380	2,315

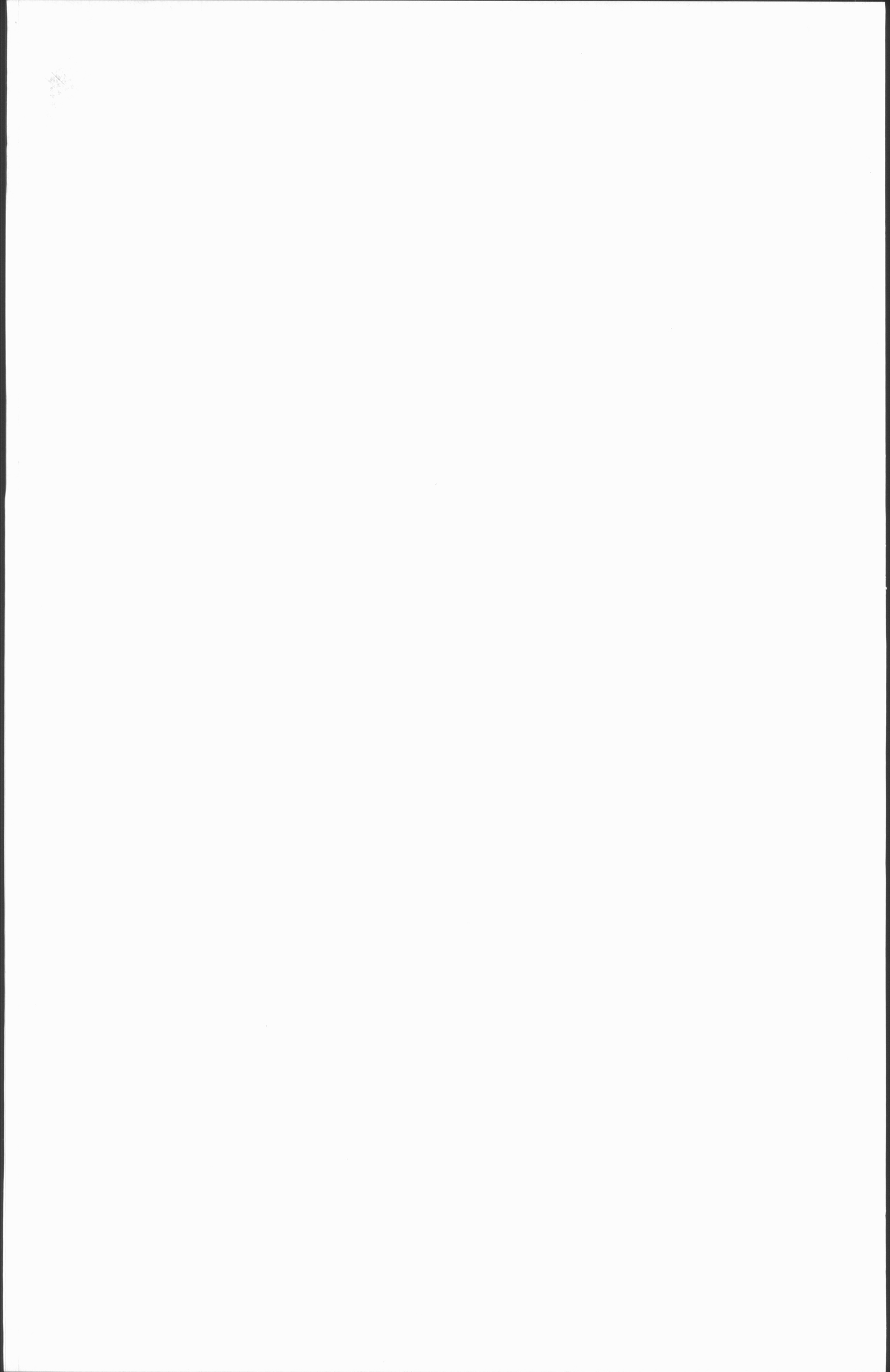
BUTTER PRODUCTION IN FACTORIES.

1,565,617 lbs. were produced during December, 1951, and 11,537,190 lbs. for the six months ended December, 1951 as against 1,746,272 lbs. and 11,563,391 lbs. respectively for the corresponding periods for 1950.

GOLD PRODUCTION.

	JANUARY.		12 Months ended DECEMBER.	
	1952	1951	1951	1950
Quantity Fine Ozs.	56,145	51,186	627,779	610,333
Value (Ast. Currency). £.	869,782	792,959	9,725,343	9,466,270

Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies for the twelve months ended December, 1951 amounted to £1,000,469. Dividends reported for the corresponding period of 1950 amounted to £1,196,088.



RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS.

(Base of Each Series: Weighted Average of Six Capitals for 1923/27 = 1000).

Town.	Food and Groceries.				All Items of Household Expenditure ("C" Series).			
	SEPTEMBER QUARTER.		12 Months ended SEPTEMBER.		DECEMBER QUARTER.		12 Months ended DECEMBER.	
	1951	1950	1951	1950	1951	1950	1951	1950
Metropolitan Area.	2019	1608	1856	1542	1989	1607	1860	1538
Kalgoorlie-Boulder.	2158	1737	1992	1673	2078	1706	1940	1636
Northam.	2051	1623	1878	1561	1991	1614	1870	1550
Bunbury.	2051	1630	1880	1549	2012	1633	1870	1559
Geraldton.	2093	1650	1913	1582	2090	1686	1956	1611
Collie.	2050	1618	1880	1552	1916	1548	1785	1477

ESTIMATED TOTAL EMPLOYMENT.

(Excluding Rural and Private Domestic).

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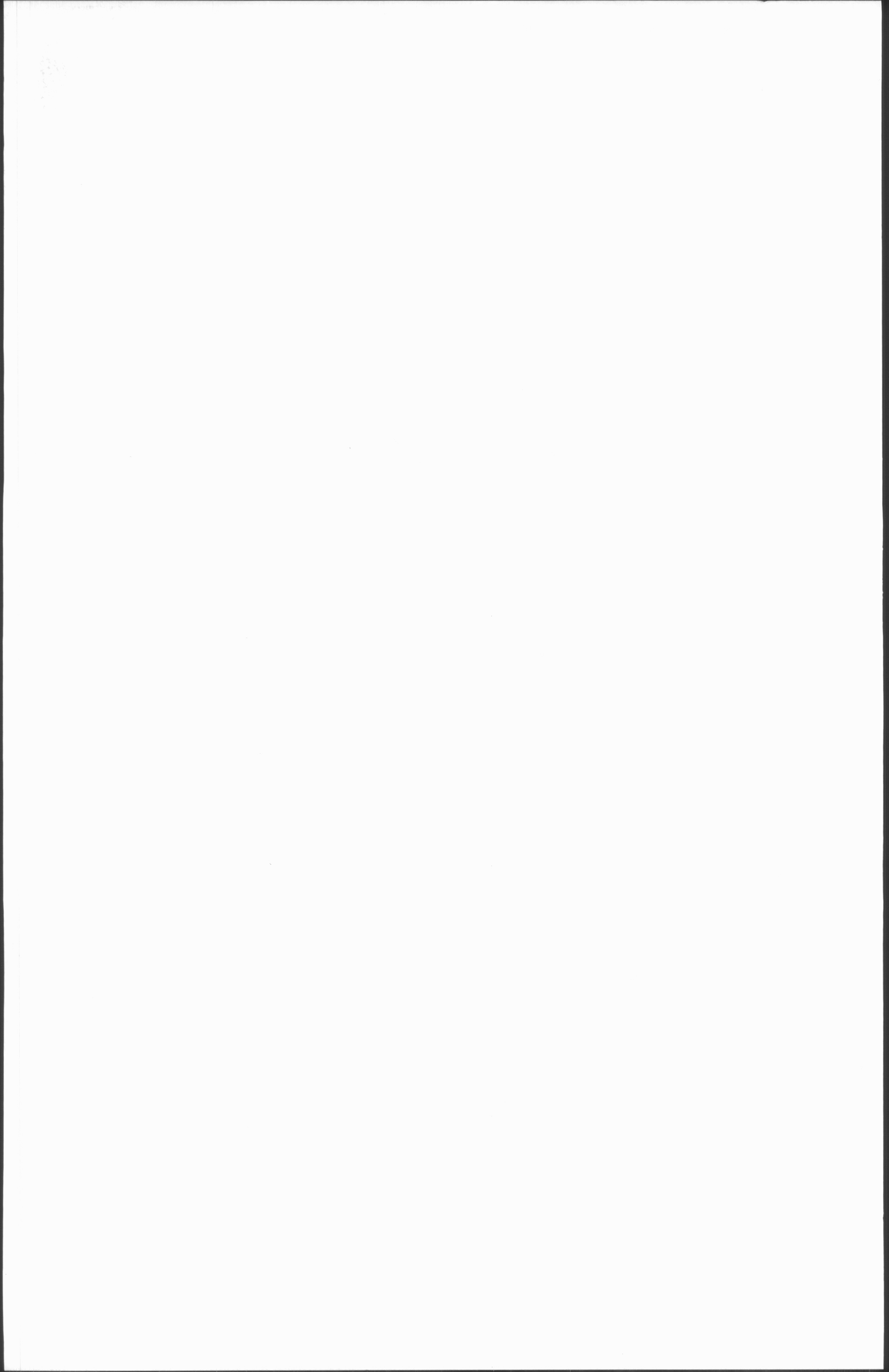
Month.	1950			1951		
	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.
January.	117,756	38,819	156,575	123,741	40,324	164,065
February.	118,064	39,050	157,114	124,946	41,182	166,128
March.	119,009	39,708	158,717	125,210	41,480	166,690
April.	119,440	39,726	159,166	124,785	41,729	166,514
May.	120,616	39,755	160,371	124,715	41,642	166,357
June.	120,479	39,952	160,431	125,284	41,564	166,848
July.	120,412	39,753	160,165	125,649	41,445	167,094
August.	121,263	40,015	161,278	125,475	41,602	167,077
September.	121,691	40,367	162,058	125,366	41,474	166,840
October.	121,871	40,343	162,214	125,843	41,405	167,248
November.	122,889	40,583	163,472	126,646	41,467	168,113
December.	123,146	41,199	164,345	126,667	41,743	168,410

EMPLOYMENT INDEX SERIES.

	FACTORIES. (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees = 100)).					RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS (b) (Base: July, 1941 (9,578 Employees = 1000))				
	1947	1948	1949	1950(a)	1951(a)	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951
January.	162	171	179	194	206	1134	1233	1354	1410	1490
February.	164	172	182	197	209	1138	1249	1358	1387	1495
March.	166	176	186	200	209	1145	1264	1371	1415	1513
April.	167	176	187	200	209	1144	1264	1377	1415	1508
May.	168	177	187	203	210	1151	1277	1354	1418	1500
June.	167	177	187	202	211	1153	1277	1362	1429	1517
July.	167	177	182	202	211	1168	1301	1381	1423	1517
August.	167	179	189	202	211	1181	1294	1377	1419	1510
September.	168	180	190	203	208	1172	1302	1365	1428	1518
October.	168	180	191	204	210	1184	1318	1375	1431	1522
November.	169	182	192	205	211	1215	1349	1402	1450	1537
December.	170	182	194	204	209	1267	1385	1470	1531	1587

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1950 are preliminary and are based primarily on Pay Roll Tax Returns.

(b) Indexes computed by Commonwealth Statistician from Pay Roll Tax Returns.



STATE BASIC WAGE.

Date of Operation.	Metropolitan Area.			South-West Land Division.			Goldfields and Rest of State.		
	Male.			Female.			Male.		
	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
29th January, 1952.	10.	14.	1	6.	19.	2	10.	13.	8.
							6.	18.	11
							10.	19.	8
							7.	2.	9

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA.

(Generated by the W.A. Government Power Station).

Particulars.	JANUARY.		7 Months ended JANUARY.	
	1952	1951	1952	1951
Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.)	26,841	22,528	183,699	154,794
Units Sent Out (1000 K.W.H.)	22,971	20,629	159,627	141,846

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

Period.	Cattle.	Calves.	Sheep.	Pigs.
January, 1952.	5,783	414	85,229	9,691
January, 1951.	5,912	500	74,770	10,143
12 Months ended December, 1951.	107,699	4,455	772,217	117,512
12 Months ended December, 1950.	109,913	5,200	866,875	98,919

